

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) A housing for installation in the ground comprising:

at least one wall forming an interior cavity;

a first knockout formed in the at least one wall and adapted for removal from the at least one wall thereby forming a first opening into the interior cavity when the first knockout is removed;

a first wall coupler disposed on the at least one wall; and

a first knockout coupler disposed on the first knockout and adapted to connect the first knockout to the first wall coupler so that the first knockout at least partially covers the first opening;

wherein the first wall coupler is comprised of a pair of wall ribs disposed adjacent to the first opening that is formed when the first knockout is removed from the at least one wall and wherein the first knockout coupler is comprised of a knockout rib adapted to mate with the pair of wall ribs.

22. (Original) The housing of claim 21 wherein each one of the pair of wall ribs has a vertical orientation and is disposed above the first opening.

23. (Previously presented) A housing for installation in the ground comprising:

at least one wall forming an interior cavity;

a first knockout formed in the at least one wall and adapted for removal from the at least one wall thereby forming a first opening into the interior cavity when the first knockout is removed;

a first wall coupler disposed on the at least one wall; and

a first knockout coupler disposed on the first knockout and adapted to connect the first knockout to the first wall coupler so that the first knockout at least partially covers the first opening;

wherein the first wall coupler is comprised of a wall rib disposed adjacent to the first opening that is formed when the first knockout is removed from the at least one wall and wherein the first knockout coupler is comprised of a pair of knockout ribs adapted to mate with the wall rib.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously presented) A housing for installation in the ground comprising:

at least one wall forming an interior cavity;

a first knockout formed in the at least one wall and adapted for removal from the at least one wall thereby forming a first opening into the interior cavity when the first knockout is removed;

a first wall coupler disposed on the at least one wall;

a first knockout coupler disposed on the first knockout and adapted to connect the first knockout to the first wall coupler so that the first knockout at least partially covers the first opening;

a second knockout formed in the at least one wall and adapted for removal from the at least one wall thereby forming a second opening into the interior cavity when the second knockout is removed;

a third knockout formed in the at least one wall and adapted for removal from the at least one wall thereby forming a third opening into the interior cavity when the third knockout is removed;

a second wall coupler and a third wall coupler wherein each of said second and third wall couplers is disposed on the at least one wall;

a second knockout coupler disposed on the second knockout and adapted to connect the second knockout to the second wall coupler so that the second knockout at least partially covers the second opening; and

a third knockout coupler disposed on the third knockout and adapted to connect the third knockout to the third wall coupler so that the third knockout at least partially covers the third opening;

wherein the first, second and third wall couplers are each comprised of a pair of wall ribs disposed adjacent to the first, second and third opening, respectively, that is formed when the first, second and third knockout, respectively, is removed from the at least one wall, and wherein the first, second and third knockout couplers are each comprised of a knockout rib adapted to mate with the pair of wall ribs adjacent to the first, second and third opening, respectively.

26. (Previously presented) A housing for installation in the ground comprising:

at least one wall forming an interior cavity;

a first knockout formed in the at least one wall and adapted for removal from the at least one wall thereby forming a first opening into the interior cavity when the first knockout is removed;

a first wall coupler disposed on the at least one wall;

a first knockout coupler disposed on the first knockout and adapted to connect the first knockout to the first wall coupler so that the first knockout at least partially covers the first opening;

a second knockout formed in the at least one wall and adapted for removal from the at least one wall thereby forming a second opening into the interior cavity when the second knockout is removed;

a third knockout formed in the at least one wall and adapted for removal from the at least one wall thereby forming a third opening into the interior cavity when the third knockout is removed;

a second wall coupler and a third wall coupler wherein each of said second and third wall couplers is disposed on the at least one wall;

a second knockout coupler disposed on the second knockout and adapted to connect the second knockout to the second wall coupler so that the second knockout at least partially covers the second opening; and

a third knockout coupler disposed on the third knockout and adapted to connect the third knockout to the third wall coupler so that the third knockout at least partially covers the third opening;

wherein the first, second and third wall couplers are each comprised of a wall rib disposed adjacent to the first, second and third opening, respectively, that is formed when the first, second and third knockout, respectively, is removed from the at least one wall, and wherein the first, second and third knockout couplers are each comprised of a pair of knockout ribs adapted to mate with the wall rib adjacent to the first, second and third opening, respectively.

27. (Original) A housing for installation in the ground comprising:

at least one wall forming an interior cavity and having an inner surface and an outer surface wherein at least a portion of the outer surface defines an imaginary plane that slants inward toward the direction of interior cavity;

a knockout formed in the at least one wall and adapted for removal from the at least one wall thereby forming an opening into the interior cavity when the knockout is removed;

a plurality of vertically oriented wall ribs disposed on the portion of the outer surface of the at least one wall; and

at least one knockout rib disposed on the knockout and adapted to connect the knockout to the plurality of wall ribs so that the knockout at least partially covers the opening.

28. (Original) A housing for installation in the ground comprising:

at least one wall forming an interior cavity and forming an upper opening into the interior cavity and a lower opening into the interior cavity, said upper opening having an upper opening perimeter and said lower opening having a lower opening perimeter;

wherein the at least one wall is slanted so that the upper opening perimeter is smaller than the lower opening perimeter;

a knockout formed in the at least one wall and adapted for removal from the at least one wall thereby forming a knockout opening into the interior cavity when the knockout is removed;

a plurality of vertically oriented wall ribs disposed on the outer surface of the at least one wall; and

at least one knockout rib disposed on the knockout and adapted to connect the knockout to the plurality of wall ribs so that the knockout at least partially covers the knockout opening.

29. – 44. (Canceled)

45. (New) A housing for installation in the ground comprising:

at least one wall forming an interior cavity;

a knockout formed at the at least one wall and adapted for removal from the at least one wall thereby forming an opening into the interior cavity when the knockout is removed, the opening having an innermost edge portion;

a wall coupler disposed on the at least one wall adjacent the innermost edge portion of the opening; and

a knockout coupler disposed on the knockout and adapted to removably connect the knockout to the wall coupler so that the knockout extends from at least the innermost edge portion to at least partially cover the opening.

46. (New) The housing of claim 45 wherein the wall coupler comprises a pair of ribs and the knockout coupler comprises a single rib.

47. (New) The housing of claim 45 wherein the wall coupler comprises a single rib and the knockout coupler comprises a pair of ribs.

48. (New) The housing of claim 45 wherein both the wall coupler and the knockout coupler are vertically oriented.

49. (New) The housing of claim 45 wherein an edge of the knockout adjacent the innermost edge portion prior to removal is generally arcuate and all remaining edges of the knockout are generally linear.

50. (New) The housing of claim 45 further comprising at least one attachment point attaching the knockout to the at least one wall prior to removal of the knockout.

51. (New) The housing of claim 50 wherein the at least one attachment point includes a point at which the knockout coupler attaches to the at least one wall prior to removal.

52. (New) The housing of claim 45 wherein the at least one wall includes a first perimeter and a second perimeter, with the first perimeter being greater than the second perimeter such that the at least one wall is inclined.

53. (New) The housing of claim 52 wherein the knockout is generally adjacent one of the first perimeter and the second perimeter.

54. (New) The housing of claim 45 wherein the knockout coupler is located at least in part adjacent the innermost edge portion of the opening prior to removal of the knockout.

55. (New) A housing for installation in the ground comprising:
at least one inclined wall forming an interior cavity;
a knockout formed in the at least one inclined wall and adapted for removal from the at least one inclined wall;

at least one wall extension disposed in a predominantly vertical orientation on the at least one inclined wall; and

at least one vertically oriented knockout extension disposed in a predominantly vertical orientation on the knockout and adapted to interconnect to the at least one wall extension.

56. (New) The housing of claim 55 further comprising an opening formed when the knockout is removed, wherein the at least one knockout extension is adapted to connect the knockout to the at least one wall extension so that the knockout at least partially covers the opening.

57. (New) The housing of claim 56 wherein the opening includes an arcuate edge portion corresponding to an arcuate edge portion of the knockout, the at least one wall extension being disposed generally adjacent the arcuate edge portion of the opening.

58. (New) The housing of claim 57 wherein the at least one knockout extension is disposed generally adjacent the arcuate edge portion of the opening.

59. (New) The housing of claim 55 wherein the at least one wall extension is positioned on an exterior-facing side of the at least one inclined wall and the at least one knockout extension is positioned on an interior-facing side of the at least one inclined wall.

60. (New) The housing of claim 55 wherein the at least one wall extension comprises a pair of ribs and the at least one knockout extension comprises a single rib.

61. (New) The housing of claim 55 wherein the at least one wall extension comprises a single rib and the at least one knockout extension comprises a pair of ribs.